



Gene McKenna

August 20, 1925 - February 5, 2021

Gene Meredith McKenna, 95, of Toledo, OH, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on February 5, 2021. He was born to Mabel and Charles F. McKenna on August 20, 1925 in O'Neill, Nebraska. He is preceded in death by his brother Hugh McKenna, his wife of 63 years, Eunice Alice (Bates) McKenna and his son Terry Joe. He is survived by his children, Charles (Wendy) McKenna, Fr. Ken McKenna, OSFS, Laura (Rob) Biegner, Julie (Pete) Ferguson, and grandchildren Faith and Melissa McKenna, Matthew and Alexandra Biegner, Ian, Riley, Bridget and Daniel Ferguson.

Gene proudly served his country in the United States Army Air Corps as a bombardier flying in B29's in the Pacific arena in WWII. He returned home and graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1950. He met his loving wife in Cleveland, OH and married her in Aliquippa, PA on February 20, 1954. He spent several years working as a special agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation before beginning a thirty year career in management with Jeep/Renault/Chrysler Automotive. Gene's favorite pastime was golf, and he also enjoyed reading, playing cards, and time with his children and grandchildren. Gene will be long remembered for his gentle kindness, sparkling blue eyes and quick wit.

Gene's memorial mass will be scheduled this summer. Details will be available on social media. The family will attend a private interment at Calvary

Cemetery this week.

Due to current conditions caused by the ongoing pandemic, we are offering a Live Stream of the Funeral Mass for Gene McKenna beginning at 6:45pm on Monday, February 8, 2021 for those who wish to attend the Mass virtually.

To view a recording of the Funeral Mass from Monday, February 8, 2021 for Gene please [CLICK HERE \(https://vimeo.com/510795338\)](https://vimeo.com/510795338).

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gesu Church or the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.
Toledo, OH 43607

Tribute Wall



“ *Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Gene McKenna*



Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services - February 06, 2021 at 10:11 PM

CC

“ *I just learned of Mr McKenna's death. He was such a nice man. In fact I've never met a nicer family than the McKennas. Every one of them.*

Chris Chandler - January 20, 2022 at 08:41 PM

CB

“ *Dear McKenna Family,*

I was sad to read about the loss of your Dad. Gene and Eunice were favorites of my parents, John, who was an FBI Agent, and Ellen Brennan. I met your parents over the years. They were always a joy to talk to. Your Dad, somewhat quiet and reserved, and your Mom, full of life. They were both great people, who left a lasting impression on me. They will be missed. As the Irish Blessing says it so well - Until we meet again, may God hold them in the palm of His Hand. On behalf of the Family of John and Ellen Brennan, we offer our heartfelt condolences.

Chris Brennan

Christopher Brennan - February 10, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gene McKenna.*



February 08, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ *May Gene be with the Lord, in peace and bliss forever*

Mark Eifert - February 08, 2021 at 09:44 AM



My thoughts and prayers are with you. I enjoyed the many card games I played with your dad. He was such a gentle man.

Carol Walton - February 15, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ *Sending prayers for peace as you lay your dad to rest. I was sorry to hear of his death. He lived a good long life. Thinking of you, Julie and Pete during this time of loss.*

Marie Irons - February 08, 2021 at 03:51 AM



“ *Fr Ken,*

Saddened to hear of the death of your father. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Mark Buganski

Mark Buganski - February 07, 2021 at 12:56 PM

TJ

“ hello Julie and family and I am very sorry for your loss, though it is wonderful that he lived so long that you had a great deal of time with him. I had the honor and privilege of meeting your dad a couple of times, I think the occasion was when he was with you at the DIF. Despite not knowing him well, even the small amount of time I had in his company was sufficient to impress upon me his lovely and admirable qualities. A kind gentleman for sure, and he was fun to be around.

terrence jones - February 06, 2021 at 06:38 PM